Ship Roman

1853-

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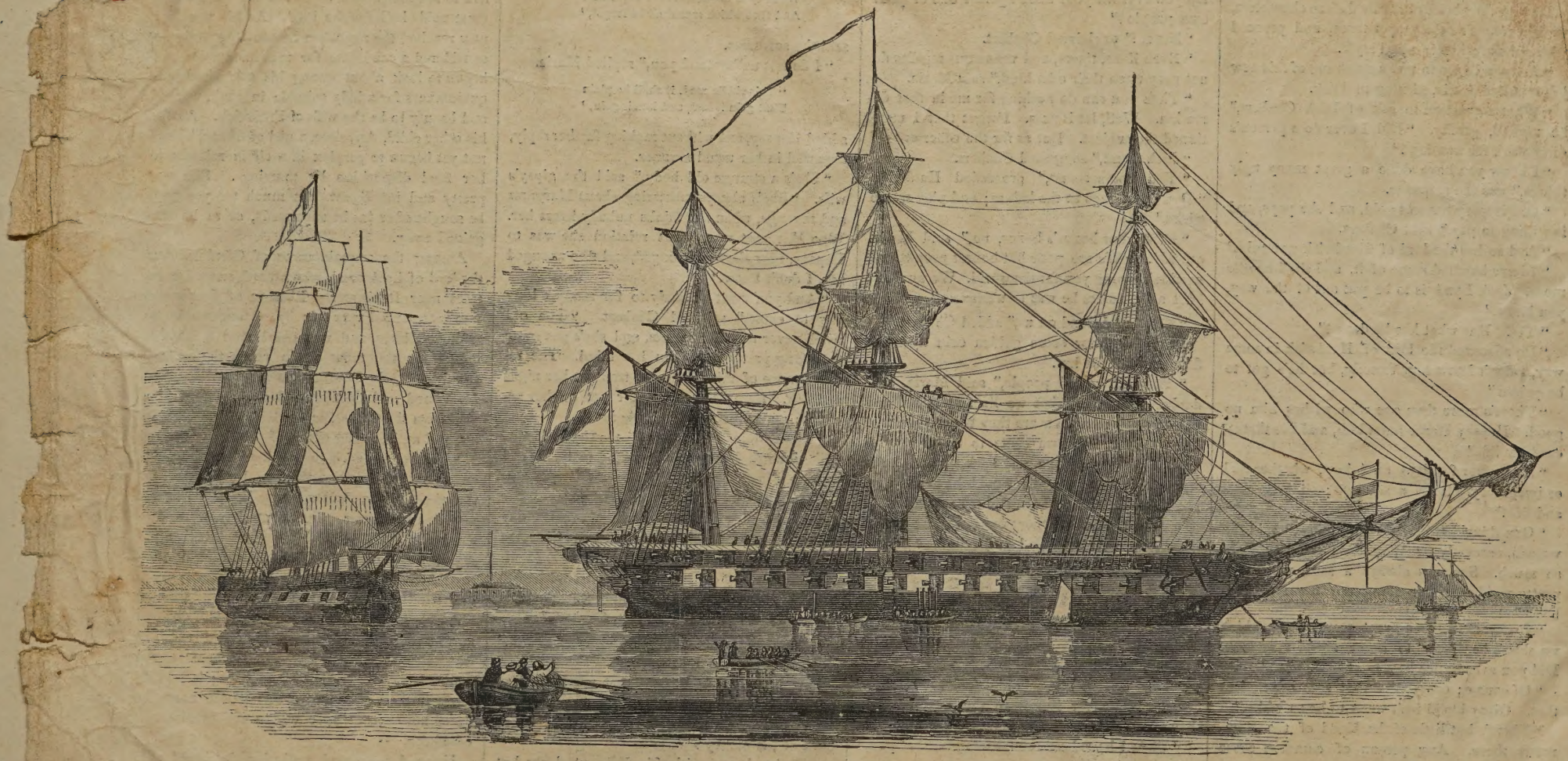
My Book

Kept on Board Ship

Roman of New Bedford

—sofas, tables, chairs, mirrors, carpets, etc., and beneath this deck, are immense fresh water re- is 482 men, and she carries sixty guns."



THE DUTCH FRIGATE "PRINCE OF ORANGE," IN NEW YORK HARBOR.

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# On Board Ship

"Twas twilight. The sun had sunk behind the "
"western hills; and the bright rays which streaked "
"the eastern horizon had disappeared. A lovely "
" female who had bin but one short week "
" a bride, and had bin led to the hymenial "
"altar with lively anticipations of future felicity "
"Sat in a secluded apartment with her husband. "
"She slowly moved her Sylph-like form nearer "
"to the partner of her bosom— & raised her delicate "
"hand, and— Wapped his face with a dish cloth "

Roman of New Bedford 1853

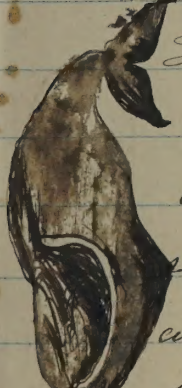
Sunday May 15th

Commences with light winds and good whale weather middle part calm latter part Strong winds from S.E. to E.S.E Steering N. at 10 A.M. took in topgallantsails and fly gibb 3 Ships in Sight

Therm 33 Barom 29,5 Latitude 58.06
Longitude 167.12 E

Monday May 16th

Strong winds from E of Ships heading By the winds Northerly under topsails & Courses at 3 A.M. Saw Polar whales lowered all the boats chased Several at 8 Do took up the boats 6 Ships in Sight all chasing whales but one boiling the whales appear at home and the Ships that are chasing are Streched along in a S.E & S.W directions at Meridian Saw a circas Lat 58.50 Therm 32.
Long 166 55 E Barom 29,7



Tuesday May 17th

Fine weather with light winds from S.E. and a heavy Swell from S.E. Saw Several Sperm whales about at Meridian lowered all the boats at 4 P.M. returned without getting past at 6 lowered 2 boats at 7 Struck one to the Bow Boat the line got cut with the Second Iron the whale went off with a gig and a one fluked iron in his Starboard side took up the boats and Set 8 Set the watch middle part calm 8 Ships in Sight but one Boiling one a bright masted Ship latter part part light winds from W.N.W Ship heavy N
Therm 34 Barom 29,6 Lat 58.45 Long 166.40 E

On Board Ship

Wednesday May 18th /33

Commences with fine brease and clear weather Ship Steering by the wind Northerly 12 Ships in Sight at Sunsett Spoke boiling or cutting at Sunset Saw one whale with 4 boats after him Lanced in sight in the "N.W." at "9" P.M. took in the light Sails and Braided up the courses heading S.W. at 12 P.M. headed N. at 7 A.M. lowered for a whale but so rugged could keep no run of him Latter part Strong winds from "W.S.W." heading S at Meridian Saw land to the N.W. at 2 Bar 29.9 Lat about 69.10 Long about 166.30

Therm. 33

Thursday May 19th

Commences with Strong winds from W.S.W at 2 P.M. Came to the Ice went past Several Large bodies of it and coming out Saw 2 or 3 whales very Still close to the Ice But the Ship going quick got to near them before they could be Seen Saw the Niagara of Fairhaven boiling his first whale at Sunsett Spoke Ship Navigator of Fairhaven nothing at dark took in Topgallants and handed up courses heading S.S.W. at 11 P.M. found the Ice Stretching to 4 points off the lee Bow run to the leward of it and hoved to with the main topsail aback until Daylight then Steered N By the wind at 8 came to the Ice Sailed Threw it until 3 P.M. and Saw nothing

Barom at 29,8/10 Latitude 58.56

Therm at 42 Longitude 166.44

Roman of New Bedford

Friday May 29th

Commences with light breezes from the westward
Ships close hauled to the Southward & Ships in sight
and nobody appear to See any thing
Oh Dear I know not what to do we have Seen
whales two days one of which was light winds
and a heavy Sweell and the Other nearly a
a gale of wind and to day has bin fine breze
and Smooth water and we have bin over the
Same ground and 8 other Ships and nobody
Seen any thing day before yesterday no Ice
to be Seen from masthead where it lays today
the land in sight 45 miles Distant Bearing S.W.
but unapproachable for the Ice Middle part light
airs latter part calm Ice in sight Latitude 58.18
Barom 29,8 Longitude 166.20
Tem 36 Saturday May 21st

Commences with light air from S.W. heading
towards the Ice at 9 P.M. Came into it tacked
off Saw a Ship cutting but no whale in sight
at 3 came to a point of Ice and to appearance as Ship
may go to the land in a N.W. direction Stood past the
point N. Westerly until 6. P.M. came to Ice from S.W.
North about to S.S.W. leving a pond of clear water
about 15 miles across most of the Ice heavy and
compact Lat 58.40
Barom 29,8 Long 166.12
Therm 33

# Remarks on Board

Sunday May 22d /52

Commences with a calm at 12 P.M. light Breze from S. Ship heading W at 4 A.M. came to Ice beyond wich could not See from mast head. Tacked to the S.E. at with a Streng breeze from S.S.W at 8 A.M came to the Ice heading E. wind S.S.E. here the Ice is about 6 mils wide with clear water beyond but the ice is very heavy Saw 2 Ships beyond the Ice could not tell wheather They wer in a Small opening or outside altogether tacked to the S.W at meridian came to the Ice in that direction but at S. a Short and narrow Strip with clear water beyond the Ice at windward appears to drive to the leeward much faster than the lee Ice consequently it will soon be together tacked to E for one hour and then fetched the above narrow but very heavy cakes and close at 3 P.M took in the light Sails and courses and partly Sailed partly drifted and rounded through into clear water at 7 P.M land Baring from W.S.W to W.N.W 40 miles distant and the Ice all to the leward of E.S.E. at 7 Double reefed the fore & mysen tops Sail Since 2 P.M Thick Snow Storm

at miridian no Observation and ourselves and 8 other Ships intirly encircled with Ice Who would not Sell a farm and go a whaling is a very common expression but I would ask rather who would not purchase one and Stay at home if they had the means

Bar 29.6

Therm 33

Ship Roman 1853

Monday May 23d 53

at 3 P.M. got clear of the Ice we think but as it is a thick Snow Storm we cannot see 100 yards one Ship came through the same Ice with ourselves we think rather a bad Prediekament for 250 men to be embayed in the ice and every appearance of a gale of wind at 9 P.M. tacked Ship to the Eastward at 7 P.M. Therm 36 } at 12 O.C. head about Barom 29.4 and falling } at 4 A.M. tacked again and headed N. Wind from W.N.W. latter part strong winds from W.N.W. Ship Heading N. Lat 58.58

Long 155.50

Barm 29.4 Tuesday May 24th

Ther 31 Commences with strong winds from W.N.W the Ice makes about N.W. and N.E. I should think to the Land at N.W. and so N.E. as far as can be seen saw several Ships to the Eastward of the Ice at 7 P.M. Spoke Bowditch of Warren Capt Waldron made a part hawled up the Courses and lay off an on the Ice with Double reefed Topsails at Day light Steered N.E. at 8 came to Ice Steered S.W. until 11 then Spoke Ship Magnolia of New Bedford with 2 whales this season

Bar 29.5 Latitude 58.22

Therm 32 Longitude 166.30

All habits gather by unseen degrees
As brooks make rivers rivers run to seas

Dryden

# Remarks on Board

Wednesday May 25th

Commences with ~~light~~ Strong Breeze from W.S.W working along the Ice to the S.E. at 4 P.M Came to the Point and luffed to the wind under the lee 4 Ships along under the lee of the ice at 6 Saw 2 Ships lower their boats for whales middle & latter part light winds from W.S.W. Ship working to Windward with all Sail Set to the breeze at 12 Saw a Barque with close reefed mainsail set and 5 or 6 cases in sight Saw a Ship take a whale and 2 others cutting but Saw no whale Ship working to windward along the Ice on short tacks the main body of ice is S.W. by S.E Therm 33 Lat 58.20

Bar 29.5 Long 166.52

Thirsday May 26th

Commences with light winds and fine weather from W.S.W. working to windward along the ice at 10 P.M. Spoke Ship Helen Augusta of Providence 75 Days from Oahoo this day Saw her first whale but did not catch him middle part calm (Capt Yates)

latter part light winds from S.E Steering S. Westerly along the edge of the Ice Saw one whale and 12 boats trying to catch him at 8 P.M Lat 58.21

Ther 36 Long 166.30

Baro 29.7

The human heart is full
Of love, that must be given
However checked estranged and chilled
To something under Heaven

Mrs Norton

Ship Connecticut 1853.

Friday May 27th

Commenced with light winds from E.N.E at 1 P.M saw whales dodging out and into the Ice chased Lowered at 2 P.M struck one with and Iron & lance Lost him Spouting Blood the brok water far into the Ice chased him into the ice until 10 P.M. when a fresh breeze of wind shut the Ice together so close the boat very narrowly escaped being crushed had they remained 1 hour longer they must have been either jamed to peaces or got them on the tops of Som peaces a great deal of the Ice here Drawers more water than the Ship does and 10 feet out of water in calm weather such Ice opens and scatters a little breeze it becomes closed and compact the main coast of the Ice here trends more to the Northward at 7 P.M Passed Barque Martha of New Bedford Capt Tuker with 3 whales this season, middle part heading N. along Shore of the Ice at 3 A.M saw 2 whales about 6 miles off Shore of the Ice lowered 2 boats at 5 took them up at 5½ lowered all the boats and struck one he went at the rate of 7 knots and died Just as the the Ice it bein so ruff the boats could only put a rope in him at 9 took up the boats Struck another and a tremendous sea set directly onto the Ice kept the Ship on short tacks and kept sight of the whale he appears to be working out of the Ice Slowly

Therm 36

Barom 29.8½

Lat 58.35

Long 166.35

# Remarks on Board

## Saturday May 28th

Commences with almost a gale of wind from about N.N.E. at 3 P.M. the whale had worked out of the Ice a mile ~~off~~ took him along side and put on a fluke chain off of the Chain cable and had just room to ware round clear of the Ice Did so and set caried Double reefed Topsails and Jib heading E.S.E yesterday the main coast of Ice made about N.W. & N. but now it looks clear at South middle part Strong Breez from N.E. and a tremendous Swell from E.S.E and Snowy all the time at 6 more moderate hoisted on to the whale and commenced cutting

Therm 38 Martha Tuker 3 whales Latitude 57.55

Barom 29.97 Longitude about 169

## Sunday May 29th

Commences with moderate winds from N.E employed cutting our whale cutting to the leward at 2.20 P.M finished at 7 P.M Started the works Ship heading N.N.W under whole Topsails and Jib middle and latter part light winds from N.E. Steering N.W. landin Light

Therm 40 Latitude 58.54

Barom 29.87 Longitude 64.57

## Monday May 30th

Commences with light winds and fine weather at 7 within 8 miles of the land Ice makes of S Saw humpbacks killers grampuses museduges and finbacks were Ship heading E wind W.S.W. and very light middle and latter part light airs from S.E heading E.N.E Latitude 58.35 Lng about 165

Therm 38 Barm 29.8

# Ship Roman 1853

Tuesday May 31st /53

Commences with fine breze and clear weather nothing in sight but 1 finback and 1 Ship heading E.S.E. at 6 P.M. Double reeffed the topsails at 7 P.M. land Baring S.W. Distant 50 miles middle and latter part Strong winds and thick Ship heading E. at 11 P.M. finished Boiling Latitude 58.12

Therm 36 Longitude about 166.00

Barom 29.4

Wednesday May June 1st /53

Commences with Strong winds from S.S.E. to S. thick and some rain Ship heading E.S.E. under double reeffed Main topsail and foresail middle part meet the same latter part more moderate at 6 A.M. commenced to Stow down

Therm 38 Lat about 58.00

Barom 29.6 Long about 166.20

Thursday June 2nd /53

Commences with Strong winds from S.S.W. at 5 P.M. finished Stowing down Double reeffed topsails Jib and Mainsail middle part light winds latter part calm Latitude 57.56

Therm 46 Longitude 166.16

Barom 29.7

Friday June 3rd /53

Commences with light winds from W. Steering N.N.E with all Sail Set at 7 Spoke Ship James Cooper of Nantucket Capt Whipper with 2 whales Saw Barque Oscar nothing middle and latter part light winds and fine weather Steering E.S.E Lat 58.20 Long 167.07

# Remarks On Board

## Saturday June 4th 1853

Commences with light airs from W.S.W
Steering E.S.E with all Sail on the Ship
middle and latter part much the same
Therm 48 emplyd Gaming with the Ship Triton of new Bedford with 1 right whale
Barom 29.7 Latitude 58.32
Longitude 169.02

## Sunday June 5th 1853

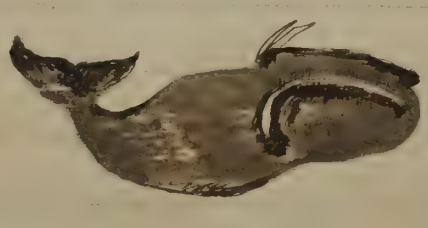
Commences with light winds from W.S.W
Steering E.S.E with all Sail on the Ship
middle and latter part thick fogg and almost calm
Therm 46 Latitude 58.30
Barom 29.7 Longitude 170. about

## Monday June 6th 1853

Commences with light baffling airs headsey
Easterly at 4 P.M thick fogg and light breeze
from E heading S.S.E middle and latter part
light airs from S.E Latitude about 59.00
Therm 46 Longitude about 171.00
Barom 29.8

## Tuesday June 7th 1853

Commences with a calm middle and latter
part light airs from S.W and clear weather at 6 A.M
saw 2 right whales struck them both at meridian
took them to the Ship Latitude 59.20
Therm 42 Longitude 172.23
Barom 30. one Bargue in Sight Steering S.E



# Ship Koman 1853

Wednesday June 8th 1853

Commences with light breeze from S.W. a/6 hands employed cutting our whale at 8h finished cutting we got supper and hoisted the watch by cakes at 5 A.M. hooked on to the whale at 7 finished latter part strong winds from S.W. Steering P.S.P.C. at 3 P.M. Spoke Ship Magnolia of New Bedford 3 whales last 10 Days a/t whale lowered 3 boats but could not catch him Latitude 5 9 25

Therm 46 Longitude 17 32 22

Baron 29.8

Thursday June 9th 1853

Commences with strong winds from S.W Steering P.S.P.C at 3 P.M Saw a Polar whale lowered 3 Boats without Succes at 7 Do Spoke Ship Villy De Ranns of Harver 8 month out clean at 7 Do Saw 1 Polar whale lowered in company with the French Ships Boats without Success Saw a Ship take a whale along Side middle and latter part fine weather at 3 A.M.

Steered P.S.P.C Latitude 5 9 32

Therm 51 Long about 17 5 00

Baron 29.9

Ship Koman Friday June 10th 1853

Commences with fine weather from W.S.W Steering P.C at 1 P.M passed Ship Magnolia Cutting a Right whale at 7 Commenced to Boil middle and latter part calme one Ship in Sight

Therm 5-0 Latitude 59 52

Baron 29.9 Longitude 176 11 3/4

# Remarks on Board

## Saturday June 11th 1853

Commences with clear calm weather and heavy swell from S.E. at 6 P.M. light winds from S.S.W. Steering N.N.By.E employed Boiling the French Ship Ville De Rans in light middle part light winds from S.W. Latitude 60.30

Therm 51 Longitude 177.27

Baron 29.9

## Sunday June 12th 1853

Commences with a calm 4 Ships in Sight employed Boiling middle part calm latter part fine breze and clear weather Steers N.N.E. Latitude about 61.00

Therm 42 Longitude about 178,30

Baron 29.54

## Monday June 13th 1853

Commences with fine wholesail breze from W.S.W. Ship heading by the wind S. middle part calm latter light winds from W.S.W. at 3 A.M. finished boiling at 5 A.M. commenced to Slow down with Latitude 61,30 the land in Sight bearing S.S.W. Longitude 180,00

Therm 46

Baron 29.5

## Tuesday June 14th 1853

Commences with fine clear weather the land of Cape Ste Thadeus bearing S.S.W Distant 45 mile and 17 Ships one of which is boiling at 6 P.M. finished Slowing down & being about calm Ice in Sight it appears to make from the land Southerly 30 or 40 miles and then West along Shore middle and latter part light Northerly winds Ship heading S.E. at 9 A.M. came to Ice making about S.S.E. and S.S.W. as far as the eye could reach Distant 40 miles is Cape Thadeus bearing W by

Th 46
Bar 29.6

# Ship Roman

No Wednesday June 15th 1853

Commences with light winds from S Ship heading W.S.W for cape St Thaddeus 19 Ships in sight nobody doing anything have seen 2 carcasses today I think the Ice makes about a shore course to the N.E. 30 miles or 40 off shore and the most Southern we have seen of this body bears from cape St Thaddeus S.W. By W. There is another body we saw yesterday makes along the East side of the cape and 40 miles Southerly of it Too hard fine smooth clear weather and nothin in sight at 5 A.M. up to the Ice which lays along shore 7 or 8 miles of between which and the land there is a streek of clear water at 11 A.M. Sent 3 boats thro the Ice to the land they saw 1 whale Spoke Bark Wm. T. Wheaton of Newfoundland with 1 whale

Thursday June 16th 1853

Commences with a wholesale breze from W.S.W. Ship laying off an on the Ice at 4 P.M. the boats returned Spoke Ship South Boston Williams of Fairhaven with 1 whale also Ship India of N Bedford Strasburg 1 whale 35 Ships in sight Steering in every possible direction and but 2 boiling at 3 A.M. Thick fogg latter part the same Ship heading off an on the Ice at

Therm 46

Barom 29.8

No Friday June 17th 1853

Commences with thick fog Wind from S.E. middle part thick fog and calm latter part clear and calm

Therm 44

Barom 29.8

Lat 62.01

Long about 180

Ship Romans2

Saturday June 18th 1853

Commences with light winds from S.S.W Ship heading Westerly at 4 P.M. came to the Ice Hove to & brought it and found the Bark Russell of S.F. Francisco chasing whales the Bartholomew Powell of New Bedford came through the Ice just after us the Tamerlane came part of the way and went back with several other Ships the Ice makes a shore course 12 or 15 miles off the land rather a narrow place to work about in in blowy and thick weather however if there is Bow heads half of their length into Ice it they must come out the above Ships have taken nothing this season At 8 took in topgallantsails and hauled up the courses heading West towards the land

Capt Cooty commands the Russell Metis the B. Gosnold and Skolfy the Tamerlane middle and latter part thick and raining At 12 P.M. Double reefed the topsails at 1 A.M. came close to the land between Thrudens and Cape Neverine and saw 2 or 3 scattering whales going very quick along shore Southerly Ships on both tacks from the Ice on one and land on the other

Latitude 62.25
by land
Longitude 179.30 West

Therm 42
Barom 29.77

Sunday June 19th 1853

Commences with strong winds from S.S.W and thick fogg Ship on short tacks heading off and on shore have seen 8 or 10 Ships today middle and latter part fogund Come rain at 9 A.M. headed into the Bay of Arch Angel Gabriel within 1 mile of the head of the bay found 8 fathoms of water and headed off

# Remarks

## Monday June 20th 1853

Commences with light winds from S Ship Standing off and on the land working to windward have Seen 10 Ships nobody Seen any thing middle part the day latter part Strong breeze from S.S.W at 8 A.M Sent 2 boats along Shore Saw nothing and returned worked past Cape Navarine 20 miles Westerly Saw in Sight off Shore Lat & Long off Cape Navarin

Therm 40

Barm 29.9

## Tuesday June 21st 1853

Commences with Strong winds from S.W. Steering W at 5 P.M run within 3 miles of the land 20 miles West of Cape Navarine Saw 3 whales every Sail Covered all the boats and other Ships came along and run over them before they broke water Saw 4 or 5 whales from Cape Navarine 10 miles West middle and latter part Strong winds from S.S.W Ship laying off and on the land at 10 A.M Spoke Ship Magnolia Capt Baily a dead whale Lat & Cape Navarin Long from 1 to 10 Days

Therm 41

Barm 29.8

## Wednesday June 22nd 1853

Commences with Strong winds from S.S.W Ship laying off and on the land Spoke Ship Lydia of Fairhaven Capt Worth with 2 whales middle and latter part light the same at 6 A.M Steered along Shore to the North

## Thursday June 23 1853

Commences with light airs from S Steering W at 3 Saw 3 other Ships Steering W at 9 came to Ice went through it and Steered between it and the land middle and latter part a gale of wind from S.S.W to

# Remarks on Board

My

Friday June 24th 1853

Commences with Stiff breezes and Calms and heavy swell Ship heading off and on the Ice saw what going quick S.W.
and found 3 Ships outside of the Ice muzzled and Latter part Stiff winds from S.S.W. Latitude 63,03

Therm 46 Long 180,, 00

Barm 29,5

Saturday June 25th 1853

Commences with light winds from S.S.E at 1 P.M within 1½ miles of the land wore Ship to the Eastward all this afternoon Thick heading E.N.E under Double reefed Topsails at 11 P.M wore to the S. at 7 A.M headed S.E. at 9 saw a Ship heading S Latitude about 63,25

Therm 40 Longitude about 179,00 W

Barom 29,1

Sunday June 26th 1853

Commences with Thick fogg and Stiff winds from E.N.E. Ship heading S.E. under Double reefed topsails and courses one finback in sight muzzled and Latter part the same have passed the Clipper Bark Black Eagle of Laghabor 3 times this 24 hours the carrying Double reefs Jib foretopmast fore and main Staysails main Spencer and Spanker we nothing but Jib & Course and Double reefed topsails (we went to windward each time) Latitude about 64,10

Therm 38 Longitude about 178,

Barometer 29,0

Monday June 27th 1853

Commences with Stiff winds from E by S at 6 P.M handed Fore and Main Sail and headed S.E. 1½ point variation Remainder part the same

# Ship Roman

Latter fine weather at 6 A.M. saw several spouts at 9 Do saw 1 polar whale going S.W. lowered the boats got handy to him come in thick and lost run of him

Therm 40 2 Ships in Sight Lat about 64 N

Barm 29.5 Long about 179 W

Tuesday June 28th 1853

Commences with light winds from E.S.E. Ship on both tacks thick fogg the most of this afternoon at 6 P.M. 3 of Ship in Sight made and latter part light winds and fine weather Steering S.S.E. 16 Ships in Sight nobody Dung any thing at 10 A.M. made the land off Cape Behring Spoke Ship Navigator of Fairhaven 4 whales Spoke Bark Valperaiso of & Bedford 4 Dead whales sucked up

Wednesday June 29th 1853

Commences with fine weather 3 Boats in shore looking for whales saw nothing undretained and kept off S.W. wind S.S.E. 9 Ships in Sight Steering S.W. and S Steering S.E. middle and latter fine weather Steering S.W. at 12 Thick fogg Cape Behring in Sight bearing E by N.E. 96 miles Distant one Ship in Sight cutting

Therm 46

Barm 29.8 Thursday June 30th 1858

Commences with light winds from E.S.E. Steering S.W. when clear laying a lack when thick at 5 Spoke Bark Neptune of Newlondon with 2 whales at 8 saw a whale lowered and chased him until 11 but could not catch him latter part thick fogg and nearly calm Cape Behring N.E. Distant 100

Therm 48 Barm 29.8

# Remarks on Board

July 1st 1853 by Friday

Commences with a thick fogg and nearly calm. at 1 P.M. the fogg lifted saw 1 whale lowered all of the boats at 3 thick fogg left the whale and come on board at 4 P.M. fine breze from S and thick fogg about 1 dozen Ships within 5 miles middle and latter part thick fogg Ship on 4 sware tacks Lat about 64.00

Therm 50 No Observation

Barom 29.9

Saturday July 2d 1853

Commences with light winds from S.W and fine weather 3 Ships in sight Ship heading W.S.W middle and latter part thick fogg

Sunday Juby 3d 1853

Commences with light winds from S.S.W and clear weather Steering W at 5 A.M saw Ship chasing fin whales run handy to some whales came in thick fogg) the whales are very still (no observation per Barom 29.9 and appear to be stackable (weak Therm 50) if we had weather

Monday July 4th

Commences with light winds from S and thick fogg plenty of whales about at 3 A.M fogg lifted saw whales lowered the boats before they could get a mile from the Ship thick fogg the whales appear slow and still middle and latter part thick fogg

Therm 50 No Observation but saw the land about

Barom 29.9 Gulf of Holy Cross from which I judge the Latitude to be 64.35 Long 178.00 W

# Ship Roman

Tuesday July 5th 1853

Commences with quite clear weather & Fresh nearly calm at 1 P.M. lowered the boats and chased 4 or 5 different whales but could not Strike one at 4 took up the boats about 12 Ships in Sight all chasing whales one of which Struck and got one middle and latter part thick foggy and rainy No Observation

Wednesday July 6th 1853

Commences with clear weather at 1 P.M. saw whales lowered all the boats chased several whales but could not get near them at 4 P.M. thick fogg & passed Ships Tuscany of Sag Harbor Cap Hatsey with 3 whale, saw lowered Ships chasing whales but nobody caught any middle and latter part thick and rainy at Meridian the fogg lighted up saw the land about cape Behring bearing N.E. Distant 35 miles we have had for the last 4 or 5 days a Strong current Setting N. Lat 64.32 This being the first observation for 8 days Long. made 6.40 W

Ther 48

Barm 29.9 Thursday July 7th 1853

Commences with clear weather and nearly calm at 8 P.M. cape behring 40 miles Distant N.E. by E. saw a whale lowered the boats got within 2 Rods about 12 Ships in Sight and 1 a boiling several chasing whales but it beats the Devil how they the whales are we have seen whales enough and had weather enough to have taken a thousand barrels of oil the 5 days if we could have Struck the whales

# Remarks on Board

## Friday July 8th 1853

Commences with foggy Weather at times lightens up a little at times middle and latter part calm

Baron 29.5

## Saturday July 9th 1853

Commences Steering winds from S.E. Steering S.W. foggy weather under Double reefed topsails latter part spoke Ship Tartar Capt White one of whale this season

Therm 46°

Baron 29.5

## Sunday July 10th 1853

Commences with thick weather Steering to the S. under whole topsails middle and latter part thick and raining

Therm 46°

Baron 29.5

Latitude about 64.30

Longitude about 176.45-W

## Monday July 11th 1853

Commences with moderate rain the land about Cape Behring in sight 40 miles Distant Steering to the Eastward towards the Straits at 8 P.M. 3 Ships in sight middle part rainy latter part strong winds from S.W. Steering E.S.E. at 4 A.M. saw whales took on board all sail and lowered all of the Boats could not catch them 21 Ships in sight no one boby

Therm 46

Baron 29.7

Latitude 64.10

Longitude 174.45-W

## Tuesday July 12th 1853

Commences with a calm Ships in sight with double reefed topsails Breeze but flat calm with us at 7 the Captain went on board Ship Alexander Barkly of Boston to consult a Doctor about his great toe

Ship Herman

which he hurt 2 years since it has now become very much swollen and he is off Duty with it he hurt it by kick at a fellows transome axe and hit the windlass and I think has fractured a bone it is nearly 6 Inches in circumferance and very painfull there was a canoe of Natives on board this afternoon the appeared very cheerfull and as happy as Kittins or rather as I shall be when this voiage is Ended and I am out Yes 500 miles at least from Salt water with a big Cabbin which I think will be all the Cabbin that will ever Own me after this for- So long as there is a State prison and Poor house you Dont Catch this United Bowheading again Not by a darned sight

middle and latter part light winds calms currents heavy Rain & and Smooth water at 12 N. Cape Chaplain bearing S.W. Distant 12 miles

Wednesday July 13th 1853

Commences with light airs and calm 32 Ships in sight and not one Doing any thing at 9 P.M. Our carbale is there that looked like a Bowhead lowered 2 boats they struck him killed him & it took him to the ship at 1 A.M. finished cutting him. Arrimachoken Island bearing S.W. Distant 6 miles flat calm and a 2 or 3 knot current the whale Proved to be a mussledigger or Scamperdown or as some call them Scallawags or Ripsacks

middle and latter part calm at meridian commenced a brisk

# Remarks on Board Ship

Thursday July 14th 1853

Commences with a calm employed Boiling chased several Ripsacks but they are shy middle and latter part nearly Calm Ship heading E at 6 A.M. finished Cutting

Therm 48

Barometer 29.7

Latitude 64.24

Longitude 170.49 W

Friday July 15th 1853

Commences with light winds from S.W. Steering E at 4 P.M. spoke Ship Arctic Hemskin of Boston Capt Gardner with 5 whales Capt Gardner has been into the Arctic Ocean as far as 68.30 and has not seen a polar whale since going North of St Lawrence Island therefore I shall work South again he reports the Loss of Ship Citizen of Nantucket which was cast away last fall the Capt and some of the crew have got on board of the Ship Siglo and some of others at 9 P.M. brisk winds from S.S.W heading N.E. in the N.E. and Set to the breeze

July 22d 1853

Commences with light winds from S.W. Steering by the winds heading W. at daylight saw Ice from 1 point on our weather bow to 2 points forward of the lee beam latter part light winds Ship heading W

Latitude 63.52

Longitude 179.50 W

July 23d 1853

Commences with light winds from S Ship heading towards the Ice there is a tremendous tide running here the Ship at times unmanageable with a 5 knot breeze

Roman

At 3 A.M. 3 miles off the Ice undertook to wear Ship with a 5 knot breeze She would fall off nearly before the wind and come to again tried every method to get the Ship on the other tack but could not steered up everything aft but all to no purpose at length she when into some of the out side peices of Ice succeeded in getting her round but there is something singular in the motion of the water from the Ice to 20 miles distant at time the Ship going off 4 points free with the helm hard down at other with the helm hard up and head sheets hauled to wind mured She will come in Stays At 2 P.M. saw 2 or 3 whales blacky as the Ship steers lowered the boat and chased them towards the Ice with a 5 or 6 knot breeze tried to get the Ship round but could not at 4 P.M. when the boat were about 7 or 8 miles from the Ship and as much sail as we wanted the mainstay gallantsail to make out to get her round the Ice here is detached cakes from the size of a Ship hull to a ¼ of an acre and 10 feet out of the water there is some few whales about the Ice and were it not for this peculiar kind of tide which makes a Ship go where She is a mind to I think we might get some but with only a 4 knott breeze it is impassible to work the Ship therefore I think I shall work over towards the Strait again

Remarks on Board

Friday July 29th 1853

Commences with clear weather Ship heading in
shore went within 1/4 of a mile of the land got
soundings in 15 fathoms of water backed off at
10 miles of shore saw a whale going very quick
to the Eastward the Ship Turbot in sight to windward
She lowered her boats for the whale but he
dodged them 3 other Ships in sight Latitude 64.20
middle and latter part thick foggy Longitude 174.20

Therm 46

Baron 29.5

Saturday July 30th 1853

Commences with strong winds from the Ship heady
W.S.W. under double reefed topsails thick
fogg and a hard rainstorm the Ship between St
Lawrence Island and the main land there is
30 or 40 knot current here setting some time E at other W
S.E. S. & S.W. and if it holds Thick long we shall be as
likely to find ourselves on Indian Point as any
where else however if we can see the land before we bring
up we must trust to good Luck if we bring up
before we see the land we must Trust to Providence
which is our best chances we have of escape and that is one
more than many a poor fellow has had middle and
latter part thick fogg and rain & the wind carrying Hourly
to the Westward Ship on both tacks of 4 & 6 hours

Therm 45 Latitude about 64 1/2 or

Baron 29. Longitude about 174 or W

Be not the first by whom the new is tried
Nor yet the last to lay the old aside

Pope

# Ship Roman

Sunday July 31st 1853

Commences with light winds from S.S.W. thick and rainy Ship on both tack of 4 and 6 hours the land about Cape Navarin Directly under our lee 10 or 12 miles distant unless the current has carried us part unseen part thick latter tolerable clear at 8 saw the land of St Lawrence Island steered S.S.W. for cape Chaplain

Therm 3-0 Latitude 64.00

Barm 29,5 Longitude 172.30

Monday August 1st 1853

Commences with light winds from S.S.W. Steering S.S.W at 4 P.M. with in 5 miles of cape Chaplain can in thick fogg luffed to the wind steady to the N.E. Spoke Ship Harald Capt Hearn with 5 whales also Ship Arcadia Capt Swift 7 whales middle and latter part thick fogg at 11 P.M. came across Ship Amazon off Tuckaven laying at anchor impossible to see a Ship more than 3 or 4 Ships length but handy very Hurry Cuback succeeded in getting clear of her without hailing him at 2 A.M. came very near running into another Ship underway at 3 A.M. backed Ship in shore Ship under topsails courses hauled up

Therm 38 Latitude about 64.25

Barom 29,5 Longitude about 172.30 W

Tuesday August 2nd 1853

Commences with a whole fast breeze Ship under topsails at 2 P.M. in 14 fathoms water headed round off shore the fogg as thick as possible at 11 P.M. clear'd back Ship and head in shore latter part nearly calm Arikamchechin Island bearing W S W 10 miles Distant

# Remarks on Board

Wednesday August 3d 1853

Commences with a whole Sail breze from S Wesdesy in Shore & P.M. & Sent & whales about 6 miles of Shore lowered all the boats but could not get fast after the whales went off the boats went along Shore untill Sunsett no thing Sent & P.M. & being nearly calm and being Short of water came to anchor in 26 fathoms of water and 60 fathoms of chain the land of Arkamchechen Island bearing S.E.B.E by compass 2½ miles the nearest land of cape Chaplin S.W. 1 mile Distant for 2 or 3 hours to day there was 22 Ships in Sight and all of them had their boats down but nobodoy got any thing there is 2 Ships aboiling in Sight 3 or 4 besides ourselves at anchor the chance to catche one of thes whales appears about the Same as it would be try to catch a Jaybird with an Oxteem mudell and latter part nearly calm at 3 P.M. Saw 2 or 3 whales lowered all of the boats and chased untill 6 P.M. then Sent 2 boats on Shore with cask for water the other 2 boats looking for whales but Saw none Lat Arkamchech Long Baron 29.7 Ther 46.

Thursday August 4th 1853

Commences with a whole Sail Breze fresh S.E. and thick fogg at 2 P.M. took on board 50 Bbl of water and stowed it down at 4 P.M. remains thick Sat the watch mudell and latter part calm boats look in Shore for whales but Saw none Lat 64.30 Baron 29.9 Ther 40 Long ched 172.30W

Ship Roman

Friday August 5th 1853

Commences with calm weather raining too a boat to get milk middle part the same latter part calm 38 Ships in Sight and 6 of them are boiling 3 days since there was a plenty of whales here and most of the Ships that got into them first got a whale but now they have all gone somewhere nobody knows where Lat 64 35 Long Made 172 30 W

Therm 40

Barm 29.8

Saturday August 6th 1853

Commences with light airs from S.W.B.S at meridian took our Anchor and headed off to the Eastward for Kings Island at 2 P.M. thick foggy and nearly calm ended a foul thick foggy latter part a whole and breeze from N.E. at 8 Meridian W at meridian about 15 miles S of Arkarmuchekin Island

Therm 40 Barm 29.8

Sunday August 7th 1853

Commences with good whale weather at 1 P.M. saw whales lowered all of the boats chased whales until 4 P.M. about 20 whale and 10 Ships with all of their boats chasing but nobody caught any thing at 7 thick foggy and rainy middle and latter part thick foggy and rain wind about S.E. at Meridian the large Island bearing W.N.W distant 12 miles the land to the South about 15 miles the Ships trying to keep between the cape and the point of the Island have here whales plenty this forenoon but could not see what they are Therm 40 Barm 29.6

# Remarks on Board

Monday August 8th 1853

Commences with light winds from "S." "E." Ship Laying between Arikamechen Island and the main land thick fogg and rain at 4 "P.M." found ourselves in 6 fathoms of water wore Ship & headed "E." wind "S.E." and as thick as possible middle and latter part thick and rainy Ship heading off and on the land of 4 and 5 hour tacks

Therm 40

Barm 29.6

Tuesday August 9th 1853

Commences with Rainy winds from S and thick fogg the last 24 hours have not been able to see 100 yards distant middle and latter part thick fogg and rain at 4 A.M. the fogg lifted for an hour so that we could see 5 miles saw Ship Draper of New Bedford Oscar off Pattisons left Richard Mitchell of Nantucket

Therm 42 Latitude about 6500

Barm 29.5 Longitude South 172.W

Wednesday August 10th 1853

Commences with a whole sail breeze from "E." and thick fogg and rain the first day of August I got no Observation and when I have a chance to get one the lord only knows and no part of the time for 20 miles of the land the wind is now blowing directly on shore and as thick as mud middle and latter part the same. A.M. Barm 29.5

24.12 P.M. Barm 29.24

Lean abstinance, pale grief, and haggard care,
The dire attendants of for-lorn dispair

Pattison

Ship Roman

Thursday August 11th 1853

Commences with strong winds from N. E. By E. & E. N. E. & P. M. wore Ship heading S. E. By E. Ship under Double reefed topsails thick fogg and has been a constant rain for 24 hours middle and latter part thick fogg and rain moderate

Therm 48

Baron 29.5

Friday August 12th 1853

Comm with foggy weather Ship on both tacks by the wind wind N. E. at 2 P. M. Spoke Ship Richard Hicks of Nantucket with 1 sperm 1 Bbl of sperm middle part thick fogg at 10 A. M. the fogg lifted made all sail and steered W. S. W. A. Meridian saw the land bearing W. (The first sperm this for 12 days) Latitude 65 02 Therm 46 Baron 29.7 Long 25 fathoms water

Saturday August 13th 1853

Commences with light winds from S. E. to S. S. E. at 5 saw a number of whales lowered all the boats at 7 struck one it came in thick fogg at 10 got him along side made him fast and came to anchor in 28 fathoms of water and 50 fathoms of cable at 3 P. M. commenced to cut middle and latter part almost a gale of wind from S. S. E. thick fogg and steady rain At Meridian ceased cutting at 10 P. M. 2 boats came on board which had got lost in the fogg they belonged to the Bark Prudent of Stonington at daylight She came in sight when they went on board Therm 44

Baron 29.5

# Remarks On Board

## Sunday August 14th 1853

Commences with wind more moderate thick fogg and rain employed clearing away the head and clearing up decks we are now laying between the big Island of Graham Christian and the cape next to it as nigh as I can Judge land bears from S west about 6 or 8 P.M. there is quite a Show of whales about here they are all in the circumference of 2 or 3 miles the next day in one place but fleet about 8 or 10 miles every time Ships get amongst them when we struck this whale there was 8 or 10 Ship amongst them but nobody got any thing but ourselves about Sunset had 2 hours clear weather middle part hard rain latter part thick fogg

Therm 44

Barom 29.6

## Monday August 15th 1853

Commences with light winds from E.S.E employed boiling about Sunset the fogg cleared off about 2 hours Saw 15 Ships all chased whales the Black Eagle got one middle part thick fogg latter part the same Therm 40,44 Barom 29.64

## Tuesday August 16 1853

Commences with thick fogg and calm at Sunset the fogg cleared off counted 40 Ships from the deck middle part clear and Many winds from S.E.P.E. daylight first part boiling weighted our anchor and made all sail chased whales the best part of the forenoon

Therm 44 Barom 29.4

# Ship Roman

Wednesday August 17th 1853

Commences with Stormy weather and clear sea the chased whales the most of the afternoon 20 or 30 ships in sight and all have chased whales on but one ship has struck a whale middle and latter part about a gale of wind from about N. at daylight commenced to break out to stow down sail at 7 took in fore and mizzen topsails and fore sail Latitude

Therm 38 — Longitude the Reg Island

Barom 29,22 — Barom W. by W. Visibility

at 4 Merid Barom 29,2

Thursday August 18th 1853

Commences with almost a gale of wind from N. at 3 P.M. finished stowing sail Double reefed Topsails at 7 were Ship heading in shore thick and rainy have seen a number of whales to day but it is to rugged to lower a boat middle part a gale of wind at 3 A.M. close reefed the main and mizzen topsails and furled the fore topsail moderate rain in squalls and thick at 6 A.M. took up the Boats and wore Ship heading W. by N. wind about N. latter more moderate at 10 Double the fore sail at meridian (Barom 29,1 Therm 40) 3 Ships within 2 miles of us

at 4 P.M. Barom 29,00

at 8 A.M. 29,9

Friday August 19th 1853

Commences with about a gale of wind from about N. Ship heading W. by N. under close reefed main & mizzen topsails and fore sail at 6 the land about cape Chaplain in sight about 20 miles distant middle part a gale latter part rather more moderate

Therm 42
Barom 29,5 at meridan with in 1 mile of cape Rosf

# Remarks on Board

## Saturday August 20th

Commences with a double reffect topsail Breez from S.E. the last 3 days have carried all the Sail the Ship would bare and have bin drifted 60 miles to the leward there has bin 8 or 10 Ships in Sight when it has bin clear enough to See any distance middle and latter part Stiff Northerly winds carring all Sail to work to windward we are 60 miles dead to the leward of wher we have Seen the last whale and I expect we Shall have to get back again before we See any more

Therm 40 — Latitude 64,34

Barm 29,64 — Longitude 1 72 W

## Sunday August 21st 1813

Commences with Stiff winds from S by W to work into the Straits at meridian carried away the Martingale Shortened Sail and at 4, P.M. had fitted it the best we could made all Sail at Sunset cape Chaptain Bearing S Distent 7 mils this Day has bin clear and good chance to get observations this has bin the first day when Observation could be depended on for 30 days I have got observation today by which I finde the Chronometer 21 minuts fast of Mean Greenwich time having increased her error 2/ minuts Since the last Observation by this hand I dont wonder the fogg has got into her it has gat into the Galpin I believe for he has bin of duty about a week with the head Acke I have bled him B tistered and purge and given an emetick but it doe no good therefore I think it must be fogg that has gat into it

# Ship Roman

Why not the fogg has got into the Martingale
Let it up so tort that it Broke fogg got into
the Chronometer Moved it one Sicle a degee
and Thereby this aching head took at any rate
as though it was quite as Susseptible of fogg as either
at Sunset within 1½ miles of the land got becalmed
for 4 hours however got a brege and head N.E.½E.
into the Straits nothing but ice packs in sight this
and about 20 Ships all have bin drove of to leward
like ourselves have seen 4 or 5 Ship Sterey S. and I
dont know but this last Blow is a warning for
others to go the Lam however I shall stop awhile
yet I want one more whale bad yes I want a good
many but I think if we can have any weather
Ive might get one or two we have got but one
months Salt meet in the Ship but if I could
get whales I would not mind staying untill that
is gone and then live on fatt untill we get in
where we can get some more this is whaling the
first tongue that ever speaks whaling to me again
may it be bit off by the teeth that it separates
middle and latter part Many words but good whale weather
Saw nothing the large Island of Archangel abot twenty W
Distant 20 miles at 2 P.M. John Fish a fell over board
but we hauled him in with a rope without damage

Monday August 22nd 1853

Commences with thick weather at 3 spoke Ship
Frances Henrietta of New Bedford Capt Swain &
Wife Swain got 2 Bbls of Beef of him middle part
Thick and rainy latter part wood whale weather Saw nothing
Barm 29.6 Lat Lucia 65-24 North
Therm 44

# Remarks on Board Ship

Tuesday Augus 23d 1853

Commences with Stiff winds from E. S. E. at Meridian South head of St. Lawrence Bay Bareny N. Distant 15 miles tacked to the N. E. at 3 P.M. tacked in there at 6 Do S. Head bore N. E. South I tacked to the E. S. E. Saw a Ship at anch in St Lawrence Bay Saw another Ship off the heads Cutting a whale there has bin about 18 Ships in sight today and nobody seen any thing except one a cutting at 7 P.M. thick and rainy middle part Stiff winds from E. S. E. at 8 Double reefed the topsails at 3 A.M. wore Ship and headed N. By E. at 8 hoisted the reefs out of the topsails latter part thick fogg light winds and a heavy Swell Latitude in Behrings Straits

Therm 46
Barm 29.7½

Wednesday August 24th 1853

Commences with thick fogg light winds from E. S. E. Ship heading N. By Compass at 6 P.M. the fogg lighted Saw the land Bariny N. N. E. Steered N until within ½ mile of it tacked and headed E. S. E. wind N. per compass at 11 P.M. tacked and headed N. W. latter part and middle part thick fogg and rainy the land we Saw to last night for an hour I call East cape latter part Ship going on 3 hour tacks latter part heading E. N. E. Light fogg and a whole Sail breze from N. Latitude 66.08

Therm 40.46
Barm 29.6

Latitude half Observed and half guessed at

Long 25 miles East of East cape

# Roman of New Bedford

Thursday August 25th 1853

Commences with Strong wind and thick fogg at 1 PM backed Ship and headed N.W. took in topgallantsails and flying Jibb Set fore Sail and Mainsail at 4 PM could See 6 or 8 rods Saw barin N.W. what looked like land Supposed to be East cape at 9 PM I Judge Cape Cod to be 25 Miles Distant barring about S.S.E by Compass at 9 backed Ship and headed E.N.E work Venice and a Ship Standing as we are and 2 or 3 others Steady N.W. at 5 PM Sent down fore and mizen topgallant yards at 8 Steady rain at 9 PM Double reefed fore and mizen topsail made and latter part thick fogg and Steady rain at 7 AM light winds and calm Ship Therm 46 going 4 hour tacks last part light winds frequent Bar 29.4 Steered N.N.W. at 10 AM Spoke Ship Mary of Edgartown with 2 whales and a Stinker

Friday August 26th 1853

Commences with light wind from E thick fogg and raining middle part Strong winds from N.N.W with fogg and Snow Squalls Latitude about 37 10 Therm 38 Barm 29.5 Latitude half observed and half guessed at

Saturday August 27th 1853

Commences with Strong winds from N.N.W and frequent Squalls of Snow Carring Double reefed Topsails and courses trying get North & Sail in Sight apparently Just come through the Straits and carrying it in the middle and latter part constant heavy Squalls of Snow and hale carrying Double reefed Therm 36 Barm 29.6

# Remarks on Board

## Sunday August 28th 1853

Commences with Strong winds from S.S.W
Ship under reefed topsail Thick Morn the most
the time Saw Several Ship between Squalls off
like ourselves this day we have got Observations
the latitude 6° 30 Longitude 168.00 West at 6 P.M.
being the first Observation Since the 20th Since which
we have carried all the Sail the Ship would bare and
come from the Anguidear Sea into the Aretick Ocean
9/10 of the time has bin thick foggy and rain now
the rain has turned to Snow which is quite a
relief what has mad it rose the wind has bin
dead ahead with the excepting of about 6 hours.
the Therm now Stands at 34 which is 2 degrees above the freezing point
the Baron at 29,85 which indicates better weather middle
part rather more moderate turned the reefs out of the topsails
Set maintop gallantsail and fly Gibb had them
Set 4 hours then took in and double reefed Strong winds
from S.W. by W and constant Squalls of Snow
at 7 one Ship a boiling at 7 3/4 P.M. Barometer Stands
at 30 inches which is higher than She has bin since last
May

Latitude 6° 47
Longitude 169.00 W

## Monday August 29th 1853

Commences with clear weather wind W at
7 P.M. 38 Ships in Sight about 10 outlying or boiling
at 8 Spoke Ships Thos Dickason and Cameline Saw 1 whale
going quick Saw him but once Saw plenty small sized
middle and better part good whale weather Steering W
with all Sail on the Ship Saw nothing but Ice packs

Barom 29,64 Barom 30

Lat 6° 58 Long 170.00 W

# Ship Roman

Tuesday August 30th 53

Commences with good whale weather Steering W.S.W.
5-0 Ships in sight at one time besides a good
many just out of sight Saw Seen about 20 Ships
boiling or cutting but have not seen a Bowhead
middle part thick and rainy latter squally wind
at N.N.E. Steering Southerly Latitud 67.48
Barom 29,7 Longitud 169. 0.
Therm 40

Wednesday August 31st 1853

Commences with good whale weather 7 Ships
in sight Saw 2 whales lowered for them in
company with 12 other boats and 6 other Ships
laying ready to lower if there was a chance
middle part rainy latter almost a gale from S.S.E.
Therm 42 Lat 68,18
Barom 29,3

Thursday August Septtimber 1st

Commences with a moderate gale from
N.N.E. Ship going on 6 hour tacks 1-A.M. P.M.
thick and rainy 25 Ships within 10 miles
middle and latter part thick and rainy Lat 68,04
Therm 42
Barom 29,5

Friday September 2d 53

Commences with light winds from S.
at 12. P.M. came after a cloud white took
him along side and cut him in not less than
5-0 Ships in sight Saw 2 whales this afternoon
at 2 Lat the latter middle and latter part thick with
rain and snow Lat about 68 0 Longitud 169. 0. W.
Therm 43 Barom 29,4

Remarks on Board

Saturday September 3rd 1853

Commences thick raining and clear at times middle and latter part & muck the Same

Sunday September 4th 1853

Commences with Fog and clear by Spells Saw one whale with 2 or 3 Ships boats after him middle Boisterous middle part & cloudy calm latter part fine weather and light winds from S.E. latter part employed Stowing down Hatches Meridian finished boisting Therm 42 Baron 29.5 So Observation

Monday September 5th 1853

Commences with Stormy winds and Cloudy rain at 1/2 P.M. finished Stowing what Oil was collected enough have Seen 1 whale today 3 Ships after him at 1/2 P.M. cloudy calm and rainy with Some Snow and hails at 1/2 A.M. Made all Sail and Steered W.S.W. latter part calm finished Stowing down Therm 38 Baron 29.7 Latitude 68 25 Longitude 171.19

Tuesday September 6th 1853

Commences with Stormy winds from N.N.E. at 4 P.M. in long 172 W hooked to the P 8 or 10 Ships in Sight all Steering different courses no body Seen any thing middle and latter part a gale from N.W. Ships carrin close reefed topsails Lo 68.20 Therm 39 Baron 29.6 Longitude 169.00

# Ship Romans

Wednesday September 7th 1853

Commences with a gale of wind from S.S.W carry close reefed topsails heady P.M at 4 P.M wore ship heady W.N.W 2 Ships in Sight middle part light winds latter part calm Six obs

Lat in 42 Baron 30 inches

Thursday September 8th 1853

Commences with calm and thick fogg middle and latter part light winds with a heft of a swell and thick as damnation at 9 P.M lay too with the maintopsail aback at 7 A.M Steered N.N.E under topsails Wind S.S.E Therm 44 Baron 29,9 No Observation

Friday September 9th 1853

Commences with moderate winds from S.W.B and thick fogg steering S.S.E under topsails at 4 P.M Spoke Bark Black Warrior Bath 16 days 6 days at 7 Squared the yards for the Stbd tack thick fogg middle and latter part so much fogg it is very Irritating Baron 29,7 Therm 48 No Observation

Saturday September 10th 1853

Commences with light winds from S.W.B steering S.E.E at 4 P.M I Judge Cape East 12 or 15 miles distant Bearing N.N.W to thick to see more than 3 or 4 miles middle and latter part thick fogg latter part wind from about S.W Saw about 10 Ships Therm 46 Baron 29,42 No Observation

Remarks on Board

Sunday September 11th 1853

Commences with half a gale of winds from S.W. at 2 P.M. Double reefed the topsails heading S.W. By W. at 3 P.M. passed Ice and Land could see 4 or 5 miles ettin of Land through the fogg have been about 12 Ships today apparently all bound out & when the fogg light so as to see any they must a had latter part thick could see land 2 or 3 miles at daylight Steered S to make the land at 7 saw what we called Cape East made all Sail and Steered S By W with a blashing breeze from S.W. by W. about 10 or 12 miles came to Ice apparently Stretching across the Straits but Scattering enough for a Ship to Steer between the cakes by having 2 men to the wheel and working Sharp as the Ship was going at least 10 knots 8 other Ships in sight one of which being a little headt over been Shortened Sail Soon after getting through to 2 close reefed topsails Set his collars hoist mast and run down there was 4 of the Ships directly to windward of him who went to him I should have gone but the boy to windward I could not luff to with out reefing therfore I kept on we think the Ship was the Bartholomew Gosnold of Newbedford Capt Mellis and Probably hit some of the Cakes of Ice and knocked a hole into her many of the peaces of Ice as large as a Ships hull Lott and Long at meridian I Judge ourselves in the Straits off St Lawrence Bay Therm 42 Barom 29,3

Ship Roman

Monday September 12th 1853
Commences thick fogg as usual able to
See 3 miles once in an hour or two Steering
S.E.By.½E at ½ P.M. Pleasant calm heavy swell
and as thick as possible Luffed to the wind
under topsails heading East I Judge ourselves
about 8 miles N.E. of the point of Arikaroch
Island the wind has died away all at once
as though we were Just to windward of some
land we have 26 fathoms of water the Soundings
correspond with my reckoning middle part thick
fogg at ½12 P.M. light airs lay with the maintopsail
aback at daylight made sail & Steered
S at ½9 A.M. the fogg lighted up and saw the
land from St Lawrence Bay to Cape Rosff and
saw St Lawrence Island Lat 64,10
Therm 48 Barom 29.2
Longitude 171.00 W

The 20th day of August we were in this latitude
and had a clear day Since which time we have been
with a clear head wind and thick fogg to the
latitude of 65.30 and have been from 1 mile
to 15 off Shore without Seeing 5 miles extent of coast
and frequently near enough to hear the Surf on
the rocks and hear the birds hollo on the Shore and
could not See it we are now to the South of
the Artick Ocean that far famed place
for whales I have been there twice and have been
but 5 whales both times and got one Shore
May I be Ramsquabed into a Soldiers musket
and Shot into a dung heap if ever I go there again

# Remarks on Board

Tuesday September 13th 1853

Commences with light winds from N. N. E. Steering S. S. W. at 4 P. M. took our Anchor on the Bow Moved the Chain below Sent aloft the fore topgallantyard and Sett it There is 14 Ships in Sight all Steering Southerly and all I expect feel like ourselves That the Season is past and the voyage nearly ended and the Ship is not half full and who in hell is to blame I would like to know There is at least 150 Ships on this ground that have 3 whales and less and all bin beating about through thick and thin through Ice and Snow and rain among the rocks and off shore and now are all going off to the Sandwich Islands to refit themselves and be blamed for not getting more Oil I think I hear some smart Ship Owner say Pooh, I could get more Oil in Middleborough Ponds I think myself they would get just as much in those Ponds as they would here Now I have followed the business more than 20 years and this is the first Ship I ever went home in without being full I think now it is time I cut the trade and quit it I like whaling as well as ever but chasing Such Dam ghosts of Spirits and call them whales in Such a purgatory of a country as this, is past Endurance I cannot think of a name bad enough for the damned place therefore for the want of One I will wind up

Ship Roman

Middle and latter part fine weather and pleasant breze from N.E.B.E. employed rigging Studding Sails at meridian got fore topmast and fore lower Studdingsail Set Steering N.N.W.
Therm 45 Barom 29.2 At Observation

Wednesday September 14th 1853
Commences with good winds and weather at 3 P.M. got maintopgallant Studdingsail and main royal Set used about 8 Steering N.W. By N. & N. middle part brisk winds from N.N.W latter part light winds squalls of hail Snow and rain and calm bent topgallant Sails for a check Sail and rove new maintopsail braces Lat 61.00
Therm 44 Barom 29.4 Long 177.40 W

Thursday September 15th 1853
Commences with light airs from W.N.W. and hauling Westerly Ship close hauled on the wind 6 Ship in Light middle and latter and light winds from W.S.W. Latitude 59.55
Therm 48 Barom 29.5 Longitude 179 45

Friday September 16th 1853
Commences with light airs and calm Nothing in Sight middle and latter part light airs from S.S.E and at Meridian at about N.N.E at 6 A.M. Set topmast topgall and lower Studdysails Lat 59.08
Therm 48 Barom 29.7 Long 178.00 E

Ship Commerce Towards

Saturday September 17th 1853

Commences with the brisk winds from N Westerly S.W
at 3 wind W.N.W took in the Studingsails and
braced up the yards middle part wind about W.
Ship close hauled on the Southern tack middle and
latter part Strong winds from W. to W.S.W
Therm 48 Barm 29.9 Latitude 57.17
Longitude 177.00 E.

Sunday September 18th 1853

Commences with Strong winds and passing clouds
from W.S.W Ship heading S with all Sail Set to
the breze at 12 P.M. veered to S.S.W hauled to the
Westward latter part Strong winds and Steady
rain at meridian Double reefed the topsails
hauled Jib and Mainsail No Observation
Therm 48 Barm 29.5

Monday September 19 1853

Commences with Strong winds from S Ship
under Close reefed topsails on the Western
tack middle and latter part moderate and
Thick fogg Latitude 56.15
Therm 49. Barm 29.5 Longitude 174.17

Tuesday September 20th 1853

Commences with light winds from
S.S.W and Ship Close hauled to W.N.W
with all Sail Set to the breze middle and latter part
light airs from S.S.W to S.W Lat 56.12 Lon 173.13
Therm 52 Barm 29.7

# The Sandwich Islands

Wednesday September 21st 1853

Commences with light winds from S.W. Ship on the Western tack middle and latter part light airs calm and foggy Therm 5-0 Barm 29,7 Lat about 5-6 N.

Longitude about 172

Thursday September 22d

Commences with light airs and calm Ship heading Westerly one Ship in sight to the N. at Sunset light breeze from about E. Steered W.by.N. per compass about 1 point variation E. middle and latter part Heavy squalls thick and rainy at 2 A.M. Set all the Studdingsails and Royals wind from E. to E.S.E. at 11 A.M. took in all the Studdingsails and managed winds about E. and easterly Westerly at Meridian Lat about 5-4,5-5 Therm 5-1 Barm at Noon 29,2 Longitude about 171,10

Friday September 23d 1853

Commences with a fine breeze of wind from S.W. Heavy squalls at 2 P.M. had unrolled top gallants and close reefed the topsails thick and rainy at 7 P.M. Judge the Ship half way between Aitton Island and Copper Island at 7 P.M. Barometer 29,3 middle and latter part moderate at 7 A.M. got all sail on the Ship one Ship in sight to the Eastward Lat 5-4,25

Therm 5-2 Barm 29,9 Longitude 169 W.

"Her waste was not invisible
And her feet were made to use"

# Ship Roman Towards

Saturday September 24th 1853

Commences with light airs from S.S.W. Hauling S.W. by W. with all Sail Set to the Keys one Ship in sight to the Eastward middle and latter part light airs and calm Thermr 52 Barm 30.1 Latitude 5-0.11 Longitude 175.25

Sunday September 25th 1853

Commences with light airs and calm at 5 P.M. a light breze from S.S.E. Ship by the wind on the Starboard tack 1 Ship in sight 5 miles distant Showing a Blue flag with a Swallow tail and a white letter A in the center middle and latter part fresh winds from S.E. at 10 A.M. Saw look in to Kgallen Sand at 12 Double reefed the topsail heading S.By W. lit about 5-0.00 Thermr 28 Barm 29.7 Longitude about 172.00

Monday September 26th 1853

Commences with Fairy winds from S.S.E and standing to the Eastward at 6 took in Jib and mainsail at 7 first and middle part fresh winds and close reefed the main topsail the lee sheet parted obliged to furl it as it was half out of the robe on the foot at 7 P.M. Barm 29.5 Thick and coarse wind at about 8 middle part calm at 2 A.M. a gale from W.N.W. set close reefed topsails and hove to P.M. latter part more moderate Thermr 52 Pressure at Daylight 29.2

Lat 49.30

Longitude 172.10

# the Sandwich Islands

Tuesday September 27th 1853

Commences with Stiffy winds from W. S. W. at 2 turned out the reefs and set the topgallant sails Steering R. By I. at ship in sight to the Northward at 7 Barom 29,23/4 A.M. wind W. middle part foggy with squalls of fog at 7 Barom 29.5 Therm 49 wind about S. W. and more moderate Set the Jibs royal & Studding Sails Steering R. per compass 1/4 point variation weather foggy Lat 28,05 Therm 48 Barom 29,6 Longitude 176.16

Wednesday September 28th 1853

Commences with fine weather wind at S. W. Steering R. the Ship appears which is in sight is the one we saw Tuesday she is Steering as we are but does not keep up with us but hall astern at 7 P.M. Barom 29.8 middle more moderate wind carry the Studd at 4 A.M. wind R. Ship heavy W. R. at 10 A.M. took in topgallant sails and double reefed at meridian more Ship and handed R. S. R. Lat above 147,30 Therm 49 Barom 29,7 fully over company Long about 178 R. in sight in the S. W.

East Longitude Thursday September 29th 1853

Commences with Stiffy winds from N. E. at 2 P.M. Close reefed the topsail at 4 P.M. handed Jib & mainsail at 6 handed the foretopsail at 7 Therm 49,00 Barom 29,4/4 thick and small rainy at 8 took in mizzen topsail and foresail blowing a gale at 2 A.M. wind carried away W. Mizzen R. under close reefed topsails and foresail at 7 Therm 50 Barom 29,0 at meridian 28,9 wind W. S. W. and 2 close reefed topsails & foresail is a plenty of sail Lat 47,30 Long 180,00

# Remarks of Board Ship

West Long Thursday September 29th 1853

Commences with a gale of wind from W. S.W. Steering E. By N. under close reefed fore and main topsails & foresail at 7 P.M. Squally Baron 28,8 3/4 Ther 5-2 at 7 took the craft and Oars out of the Boats and took them up to the Davit heads middle and latter part about a gale of wind from about W. S.W. at 9 A.M. took one reef out of the fore and main topsails Lat 47,28 at Noon 5-2 Baron 28,8 Long 174.30 W

Friday September 30th 1853

Commences with about a gale of wind from W.S.W Steering E. under Double reefed topsails and foresail heavy passing clouds with some rain at times at 7 P.M. Baron 28,8 middle part Strong winds and constant squalls from W.S.W at 7 A.M. Baron 28,6 3/4 middle pa latter part rather more moderate Ther 5-2 Baron 28,6 3/4 Lat 46,50 Long 170,00 W.

Saturday September October 1st 1853

Commences with Strong winds from W.S.W. with Squalls at 3 P.M. took one reef out of the Maintopsail and Set the Mainsail Steering E. By S at 7 P.M. Baron 28,7 1/2 middle and latter part more moderate at day light took all of the reefs out of the topsails and Set topgallant sails and with the Starboard at 7 A.M. Baron 29,00 Lat 45,27 Longitude 65,45 at meridian Baron 29,2 Ther 5-4

a vengeance

Roman Towards the Sandwich Islands with

Sunday September October 2nd 1853

Commences with fine weather and wind from W. by S
Steering E. by S with all Sail Set to the breeze
at 7 P.M. Baron 29,24 middle and latter part light winds
from W. N. W. and light Squalls Lat 44.02 Long 52,27
Therm 56 Baron 29.8

Monday October 3rd 1853

Commences with light winds and moderate Squalls
from N. W. middle and latter part fine whole Breeze
Therm 55 Latitude 42,26
Baron 30,3 Longitude 158 50

Tuesday October 4th 1853

Commences with more moderate winds from N. by W.
Steering E. by S at 7 P.M. took in the Lower Studdingsail
and carrying N. Easterly the last 5 days have Sailed over
one thousand miles which I think is pretty good work
considering the Ships Bottom is as bad as it can be besides
her Sheathing and cutwater are all broomed up by the Ice
middle and latter part light winds from S. E. by S.
Therm 56 Latitude 41,12
Baron 30,3 Longitude 157,30 W

Wednesday October 5th 1853

Commences with light winds from E. heading S W
at 5 P.M. backed to the N. N. E. at 7 P.M a wholesail breeze from
N. N. E. per compass Baron 30,2 middle and latter part Heavy
winds from N. N. E. Ship on the Larboard tack under Storm Staysail
Therm 54 Baron 29,9 no Observation

# Remarks on Board Ship

Thursday October 6th 1853

Commences with a gale of wind from S.S.E. Ship on the Eastern tack under Reefed topsails at 4 PM handed fore and mizen topsails at 6 do foresail at 7 Barom 29.7 Squalls of rain at 8 PM heavy Squalls and hard rain and a shift of wind to the S.W. at 10 Set Close reefed topsails and fore sail hauling N.N.E. at 7 A.M. made all Sail and set the Studdingsails tremendous Squalls ahead Therm 63 Barom 29.7 Latitude 40.48

Longitude 15 6.00

Friday October 7th 1853

Commences with fine weather Steering S.E. by E. with all Sail on the Ship middle and latter part fine weather wind about W. S.W. to S.W. Latitude 38.16

Therm 66 Barom 29.9 Longitude 15 4.00

Saturday October 8th 1853

Commences with fine weather and moderate winds from S.W. to W. Steering S.E. by E with all Sail Set to the Breeze middle and latter part nice weather

Therm 68 Barom 30. Latitude 35 5

Longitude 15 24 8/4

The race is not to be got
By him who starts first nor
The Battle to the people
Who has got the longest guns
Duck & Dont

Roman Towards the Sandwich Islands

Tuesday October 9th 1853

Commences with fine weather and wind from N.N.E.
Steering N.N.E. By E. with all Sail Set to the breeze
all this afternoon about calm
Not a sound save the surge of the Ship
As She lazily rolls to and fro
And the sails as they listlessly flap
And the creak of the rudder below
middle and latter part light winds from W.N.W. to N.
Barm 30,1 Therm 73 Latitude 34.05 Longitude 15 2 48

Monday October 10th 1853
Commences with light airs and calm middle and
latter part light winds from W.S.W. to S.
Therm 73 Barm 30,1 Latitude 32 45 Long 15 1 00

Tuesday October 11th 1853
Commences with light winds from W.N.W. to N.
& split Degrees and bunched Sail middle and latter
part fine breeze but Squally from N. to N.E.
Therm 74 Barm 30.1 Latitude 30.37
Longitude 15 1 17

# Ship Roman Towards

Wednesday October 12th 1853

Commences with light winds from about
"E. N. E." steering "S. By. E." with all Sail on the Ship
middle and latter part light winds Dyeing away
Therm 76 Barom 30.1/2 Latitude 28,55
Longitude 15-1,20

Thursday October 13th 1853

Commences with calms and light airs from "S. E."
Ship by the wind heading Southerly a Ship in Sight
to the Southward, employed dyeing and ~~burning~~ Pass
middle and latter part light winds from about "S. By. E."
and fine weather Barom 30.1/2 Latitude 27,43
Longitude 15-2,10 W

Friday October 14th 1853

Commences with light winds from about "E." at
4 P.M. Set Topmast and Topgall Studdingsail steering S
middle and latter part light winds from about E.
Therm 80 Barom 30.1/2 Latitude 26,0 Longitude 15-2,54

Saturday October 15th 1853

Commences with light winds from E. steering S
with all Sail on the Ship middle and latter part
light winds from "E." "E." steering W Latitude 24,20
Longitude 15-3,15

# The Sandwich Islands

Sunday October 16th 1853

Commences with light winds from E.N.E. Steering
S.W. by S. & S.W. by W. & at 8 P.M. employed washing Ship's

Bought at Store

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8 Cords Wood at $7 | | 52.00 |
| 40 lbs Potatoes $1.25 | | 50.00 |
| | | $102.50 |
| 4 Flan Shirts | 10.00 | |
| 4 Pair Shoes | 5.00 | |
| 1 pants Flan | 4.00 | |
| 1 Duck pants | 1.25 | |
| 2 tin pails | 40 | |
| 2 pairs Drawers | 2.25 | |
| 1 bed wood | 7.00 | 29.90 |

A/c of Labour on board Ship Roman

1852
Oct 24. paid
Lewis Lean 21 days @ $2.00
Lewis Gosling 1 " " 2.00
James Taylor 1 " " 2.00
Frank Portuyes 1+1
Manuel Alvest 1+1
Antone Fotat 1+1
Silvest Antone 1+1
John Bruan—1
1 Geo from on Shore 1

Robert. L. Cavilero Valpiraze

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Ramon L. Cavilero Small Book Mok
Susana Cabilero

Robert Cavilero Sippican Mass

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In Act with. J. Triffy

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|---|---|---|---|
| By 3661 Gall Old Oil cask @ 5 Herded | 183,05 | 183 | 05 |
| By 4409 Gall Old Oil cask to Ship Vesper @ 5¢ | | 220 | 45 |
| By Jay Dft 1500 @ 5 per ct | 15-75,00 | 1500 | 00 |
| By Bbls Good Bad whole and Broken | 19,50 | 19 | 50 |
| By Cash of Ship Empire | 300,00 | | |
| By 15899 Gall of Cask @ 5-ct Sold Empire | 4 94,95 | 794 | 95 |
| " 4228 Gall of Oil Cask @ 6 | 253,68 | | |
| 1 Missing Rechise | 89,25 | | |
| 279 lb Cutlery Salt @ 22 ¢ | 61,38 | 404 | 31 |
| 11868 Gallon of Shooks Hoops & Heads @ 3¢ | 35 6,04 | 356 | 04 |
| 1 Fry Pot to Ship Columbia | 75 00 | | |
| Gu 26424 Gallons Oil cask & Shooks @ 4½¢ | 05,76 | 1180 | 76 |
| 2368 Gall Old Water Shook @ 2¢ | | 36 | 90 6 |
| | | ~~46~~ | ~~16~~ |

# Act of Casks Sold to Ship Empire

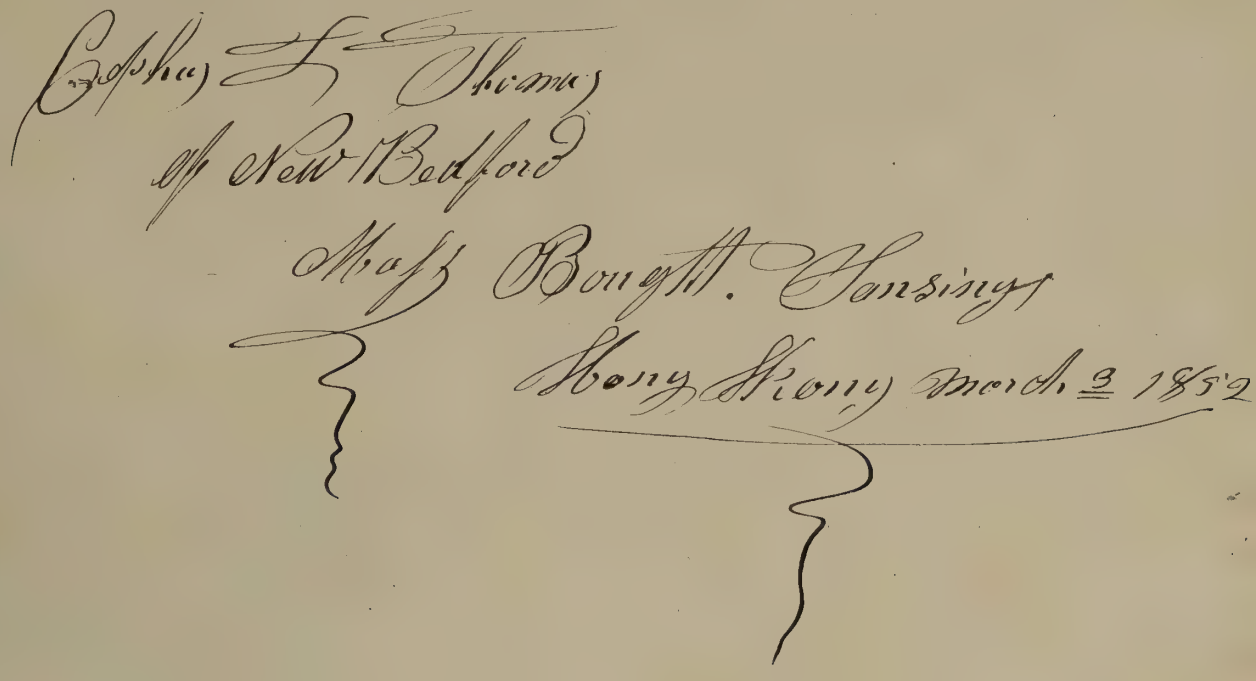
## Larboard Side Ground

| | |
|---|---|
| 244 | 240 |
| 180 | 224 |
| 90 | 150 |
| 116 | 210 |
| 190 | 160 |
| 156 | 274 |
| 289 | 270 |
| 131 | 208 |
| 230 | 1796 |
| 225 | 1150 |
| 250 | |
| 2101 | |

## Starboard Side Ground

| | |
|---|---|
| 270 | 153 |
| 260 | 182 |
| 265 | 250 |
| 245 | 276 |
| 239 | 216 |
| 235 | 114 |
| 230 | 90 |
| 251 | 201 |
| 150 | 210 |
| 157 | 185 |
| 2289 | 1880 |
| 45 | 2289 |
| 44 | 1736 |
| 172 | 2101 |
| 21 | 8006 |
| 193 | 150 |
| | 8156 |
| | 44 |
| | 32624 |
| | 4078 |
| | 36702 |
| | 193 |
| | 36,895 |

Ship Roman Dr to Order Messrs R Cauchy & C
on Savour of Ship China for Stovepipe $5.00 Paid
" Do " " Magnolia 1 piece Tinware 6.33 Paid
" " " " Eliza Adams 1 trypot
Ship Richard Mitchell of Nantucket 2 Bbl Beef 2 Pork
Beef 18 dollars Pork $2.00 $76.00
2 Bbls of Beef of Ship Francis Henriette exception
Ship Mary of Edgarton 3 Bbl of Beef 3 Bbl of
Pork Paid cash


Capt. Wm. L. Shivers
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Mass
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